

means surgeries get delayed, operating rooms lie unused, and hospitals and patients suffer, for a lack of a sufficient number of nurse anesthetists. We simply need to educate more of them.

This important legislation helps relieve the nursing shortage, and the CRNA shortage, in several important ways. It expands the authorization of the existing Nurse Loan Repayment program, so that nurses, including CRNAs, can work off their obligations in a greater range of health care sites with shortages, such as rural hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, and Critical Access Hospitals. It authorizes scholarships for nurses, including CRNAs, who agree to work in shortage areas. It provides important new incentives to educate nursing faculty, and to reach out to young people with the information they need to consider nursing as a positive, challenging, and life-changing career that is both economically secure and flexible.

This is only the beginning of our work on relieving this critical shortage. In 2002, Congress is due to consider reauthorizing of existing nurse education programs, Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act. I hope that as we reauthorize the Title VIII programs, we can look for creative ways to expand the number of nurses in America, while growing our ranks of advanced practice nurses such as nurse anesthetists.

I want to thank several Members for their excellent work on this bill; Chairman BILLY TAUZIN and Ranking Member JOHN DINGELL of the Energy and Commerce Committee and Chairman MICHAEL BILIRAKIS and Ranking Member SHERROD BROWN of the Subcommittee on Health, as well as Congresswomen KELLY and CAPPS, original cosponsors of this legislation.

IN HONOR OF RAYMOND T.
PEEBLES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Raymond T. Peebles in recognition of his commitment to using his architectural skills to keep building his community in a positive direction.

Raymond T. Peebles is a long time resident of Brooklyn. He is also a registered architect in New York and Connecticut. He sees his profession as serving the various communities of New York City. Established in 1972, his firm, Peeble Architect PC, has worked with community groups in the design of new housing developments, churches, and the renovation and rehabilitation of brownstones. Over the years the firm has expanded its expertise to include health facilities, cabarets, and multi-use structures. To fulfill the demand for childcare centers and houses of worship, Mr. Peebles created a division of his firm exclusively for the design and construction of churches and day care centers.

Community groups that have worked successfully with Mr. Peebles include the Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development, West Harlem Group Assistance, Prince Hall Mason and Miracle Makers, Inc. Raymond is active in professional organizations such as the American In-

stitute of Architects where he is a corporate member, and the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He also serves on the Metrotech Advisory Board, and the Mayor's Small Business Advisory Board as well as the Association of Minority Businesses & Contractors.

Raymond is also active in his community serving on Community Board #9 and on the Board of the Magnolia Tree Earth Center. His goal is to establish an entrepreneurial environment for creative self-development with the community.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond T. Peebles is a successful businessman who has a vision for his community and he is acting on that vision. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly community oriented business leader.

IN HONOR OF VIVIAN YVETTE
BRIGHT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Vivian Yvette Bright in recognition of her tireless work and dedication on behalf of her church and her community.

Vivian Yvette Bright wears numerous hats. She is committed to the never-ending fight for her community and the development of our youth. She believes that it is important to try and do as much as you can for as many as you can for as long as you can. This is illustrated by her exhaustive list of associations. Vivian is a life member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and past President of Delta Alpha Zeta Chapter; life member of the National Council of Negro Women; Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Cypress Community Day Care Center; Trustee of Addiction Research & Treatment Center/Urban Research Institute; member, Board of Directors of the Brooklyn NAACP; Community Board #5 Vice President and Chair of the Land Use Committee; President of the Leadership Council of Open Communities of Brooklyn, Inc.; Business Manager of the Concerned Women of Brooklyn—among many other affiliations. In addition, since 1989, she has served as the Business Administrator and Director of the Community and Family Life Center of the Berean Missionary Baptist Church.

Vivian has also received countless awards for her outstanding work—some of which include: Brooklyn Navy Yard Community Leadership; the Lucille Rose Humanitarian Award—NAACP; Governor Carey International Year of the Child Award; New Horizons Village Homeowners Leadership Award; as well as a long list of awards from New York's many distinguished elected officials.

Vivian is a remarkable woman with unbelievable stamina; her many successes and honors come from hard work and a strong education. She received her Masters of Science in Human Resources Management from the New School for Social Research; she graduated in the first class of the Pratt Institutes Community Economic Development Program; and also holds a BS in accounting; Vivian is also listed in "Who's Who of American

Women". On top of her many other accomplishments, Vivian is a proud wife and mother receiving constant support from her husband of 42 years, Lonnie Bright and their children, Gary, Teresa, Marvin, Jamal, and Tiffany.

Mr. Speaker, Vivian Yvette Bright is a tireless leader in her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS
HONORING THE CREW AND PAS-
SENGERS OF UNITED AIRLINES
FLIGHT 93

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be a cosponsor of this resolution memorializing the heroic crew and passengers of United Airlines Flight 93.

On September 11, as the fourth hijacked airplane, United Flight 93, flew west and then southeast, the passengers called friends and family on the ground. They learned the terrible news: hijackers had crashed three other airplanes into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon. They knew their plane would also be turned into a fearsome weapon.

The hijackers underestimated the indomitability of the American spirit. We may never know the whole story of the events on Flight 93 after the hijackers seized control. However, the phone calls and the cockpit voice recorder have given us the heart of it: the passengers and crew knew they had to act, and they did. They talked, and they prayed, and then they rushed the cockpit to try to stop the hijackers. A few minutes later, the plane crashed to the ground in rural Pennsylvania.

The nation salutes the crew and passengers of Flight 93 for their bravery in the face of overwhelming danger and almost certain death. If the flight had continued on its path toward the Nation's Capital, many more lives would have been lost. We might also have lost either the U.S. Capitol or the White House, the most powerful symbols of our nation, and known the world over as symbols of the world's greatest democracy.

I especially wish to acknowledge the heroism of Mark Bingham from San Francisco. Six feet five inches tall, Mark had played rugby in college. At thirty-one years old, he was CEO of his own public relations firm. On the street late one night, he had wrestled a gun from the hands of a mugger. He was a risk-taker, a man who lived life to the fullest. I had the opportunity to join his partner, Paul Holm, and his family and friends in celebrating his life at a memorial service in San Francisco. Our hearts go out to them for their loss of this brave man.

House Concurrent Resolution 232 expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States owes its deepest gratitude to the passengers and crew of Flight 93, and calls for the placement of a memorial plaque on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. It is with both great sadness and deep appreciation that I cast my vote for this resolution.